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## 'Reds May Cut Powers' Prison Sentence in Half



Francis Gary Powers  
*Hopes for parole*

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 3 (AP).—

Convicted U-2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers has written from his Soviet cell that he may be paroled to a work camp within three months, a year and a half before his three-year prison sentence expires.

The information was in a letter to his mother and father in Norton, Va.

"The boy thinks he has about a 50-50 chance of parole," Oliver W. Powers, the father said today.

The U-2 pilot was handed a sentence that included three years in prison and an additional seven years' confinement in a Soviet work colony at the end of a Moscow trial last August.

Powers said his son sent six letters to his parents and sisters during July three times the number permitted him earlier.

Powers said his son writes that he "... cannot understand what happens here (in the United States)."

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